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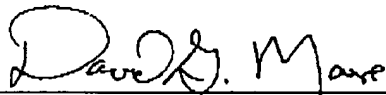
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is in response to the final rejection contained in the Office Communication mailed 12/13/2005. The applicants request that the Examiner reconsider the final rejection of this application in light of the following additional Remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 5 and 10-18 are rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Burke. Claims 3 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Burke. Claims 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Burke in view of Stenard.

The applicants request that the Examiner reconsider the teaching of Burke. Burke clearly emphasizes throughout his patent that the surfaces to be joined must be prepared in a very controlled manner in order to avoid recrystallization of the near-surface substrate material during the joining process. (See the Abstract; column 11,